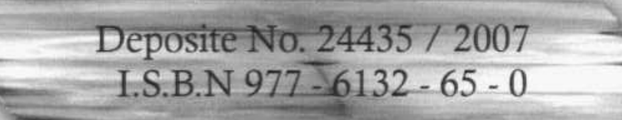
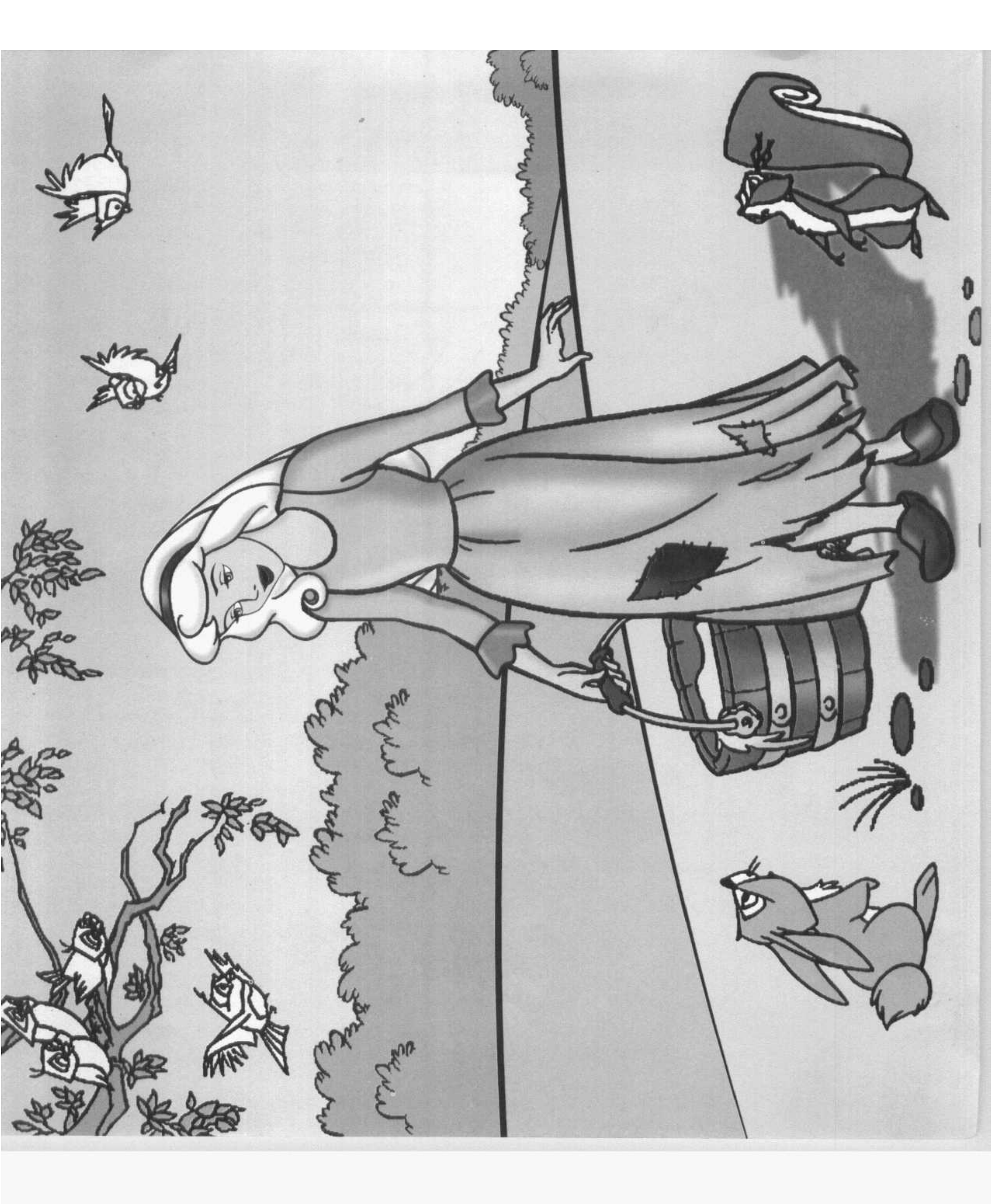
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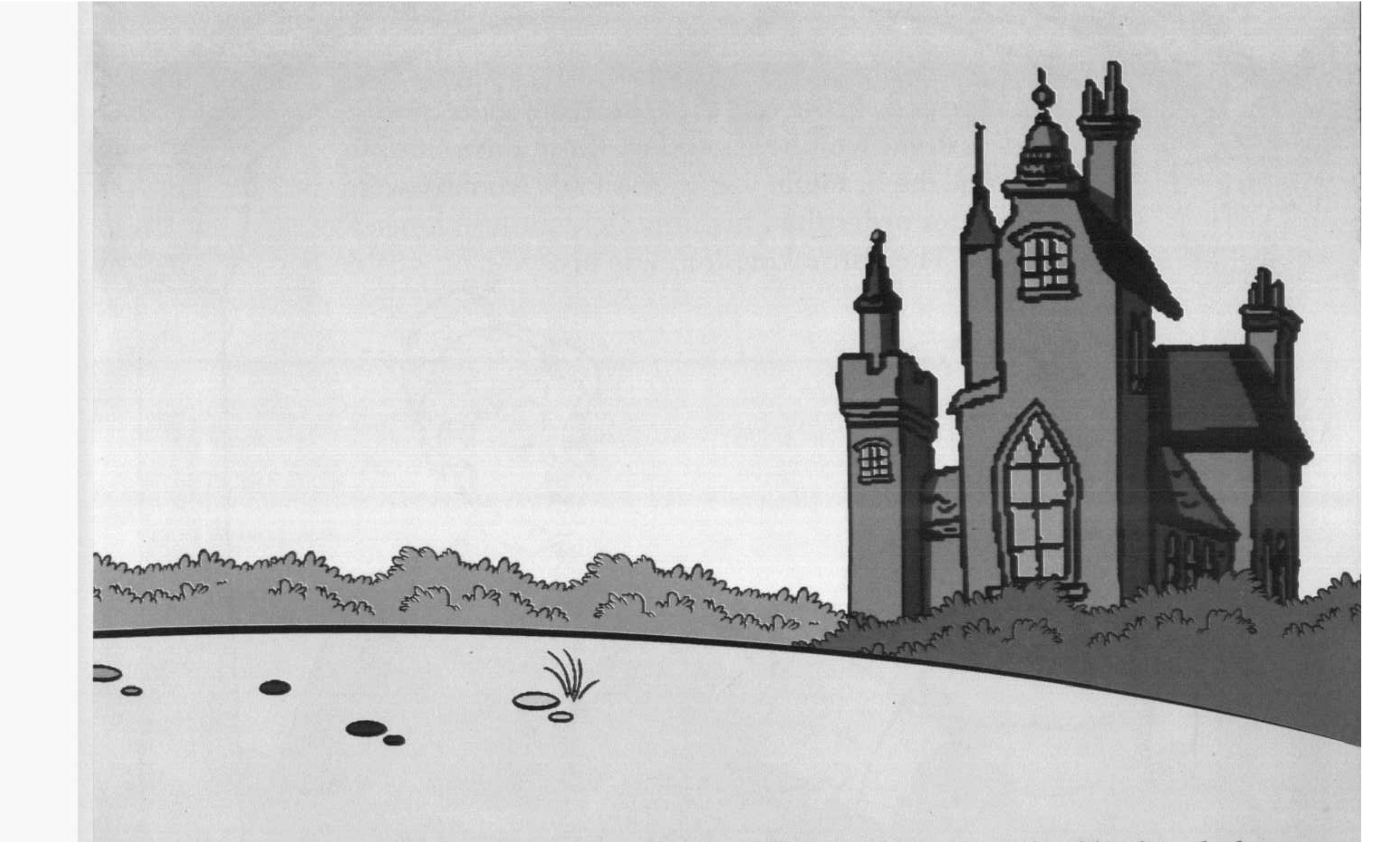



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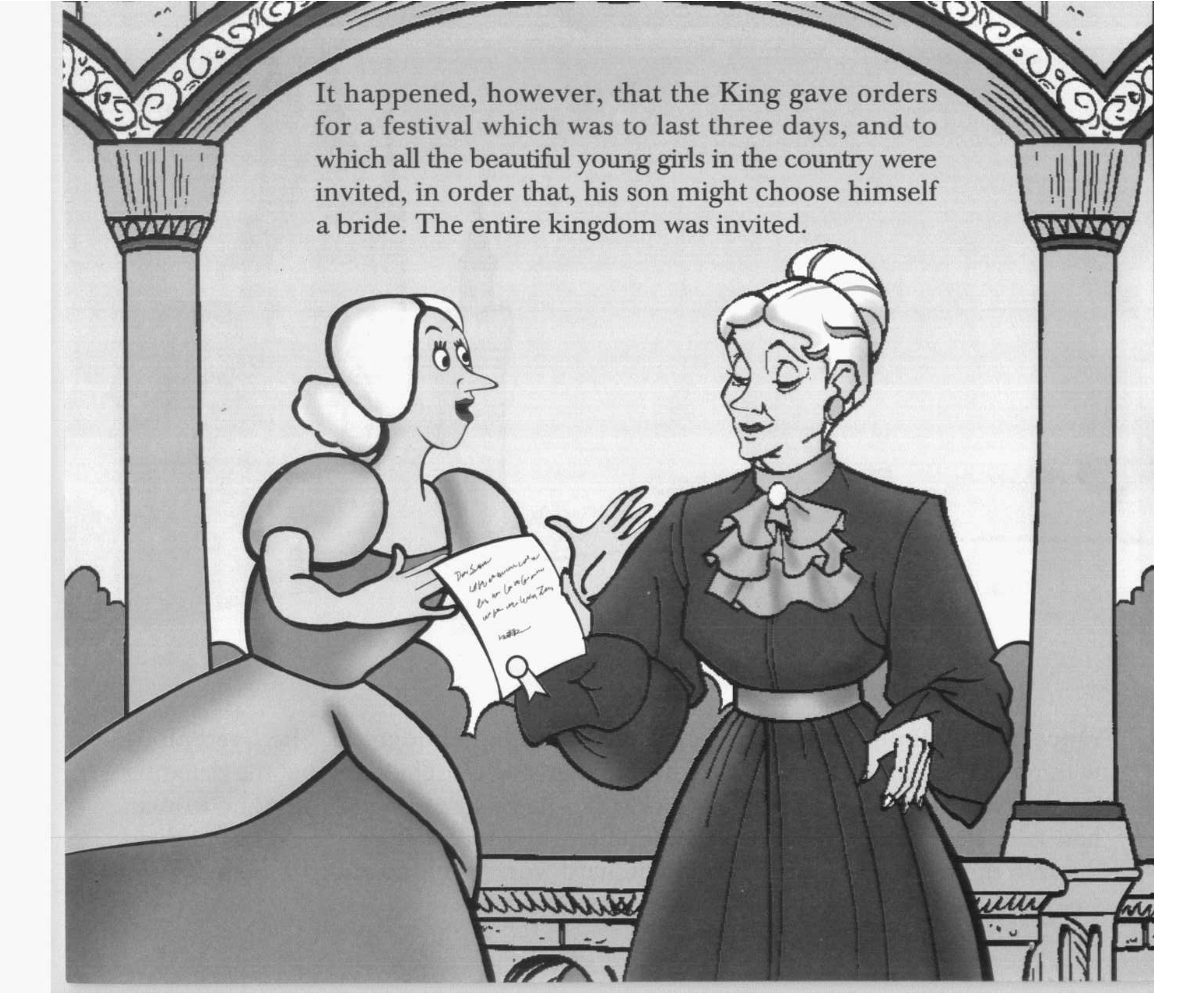
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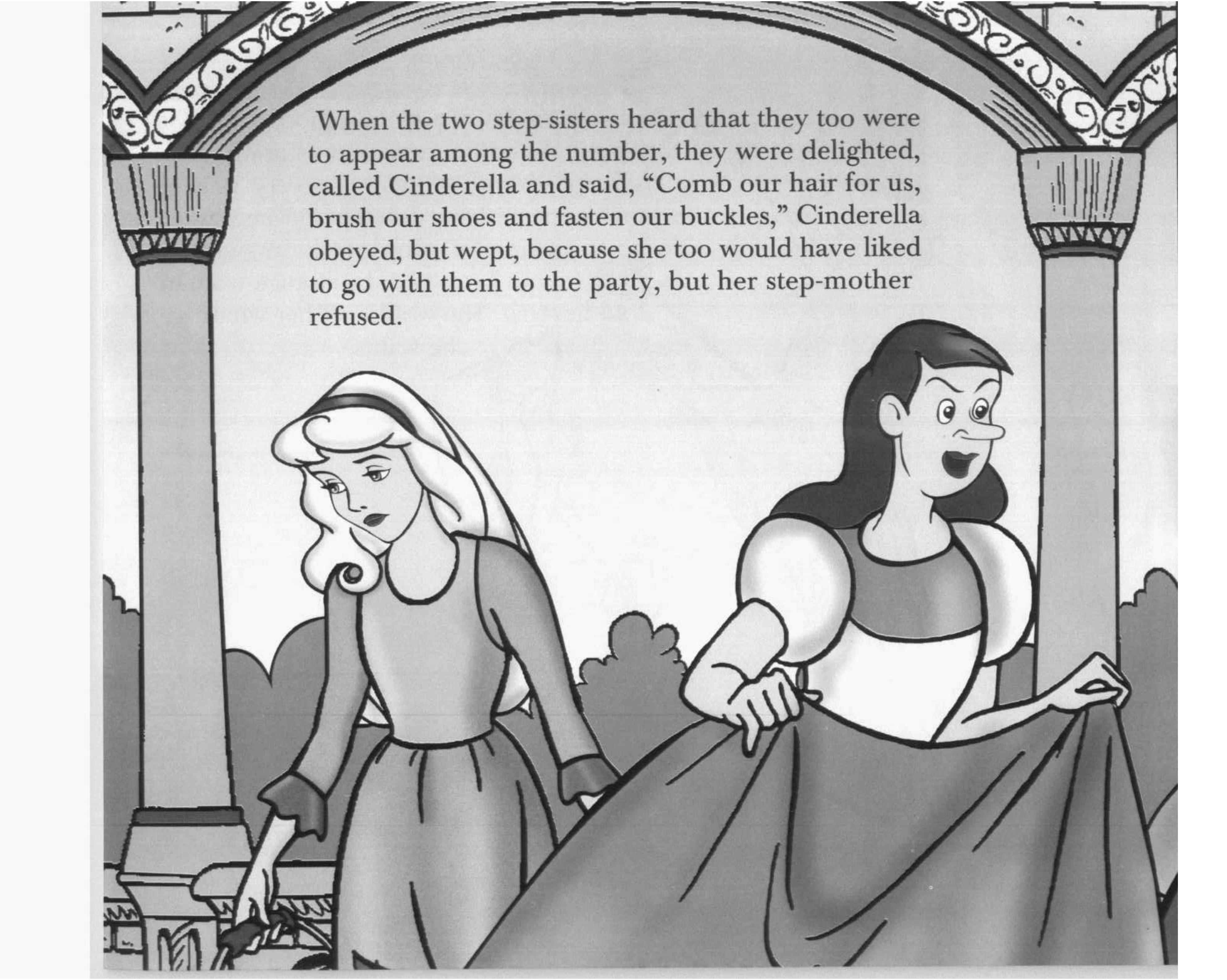
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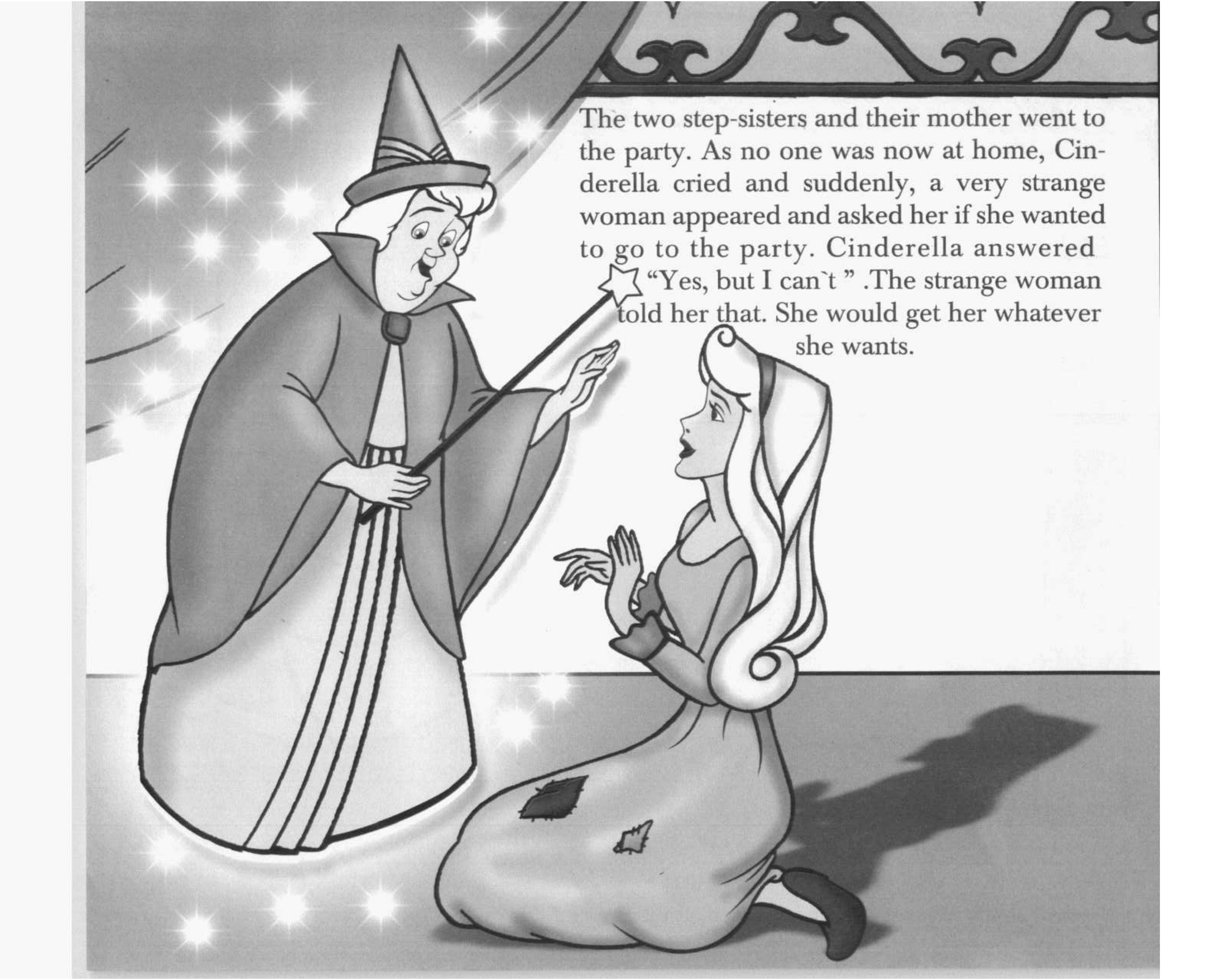


Once upon a time there was a beautiful girl called Cinderella. She lived alone with her father in a big palace after her mother`s death .Thinking that the daughter needs someone to take care of her, her father had taken another wife. The woman had two daughters, who hated Cinderella. They took her pretty clothes and led her into the kitchen where she had to do hard work from morning till night.


It happened, however, that the King gave orders for a festival which was to last three days, and to which all the beautiful young girls in the country were invited, in order that, his son might choose himself a bride. The entire kingdom was invited.

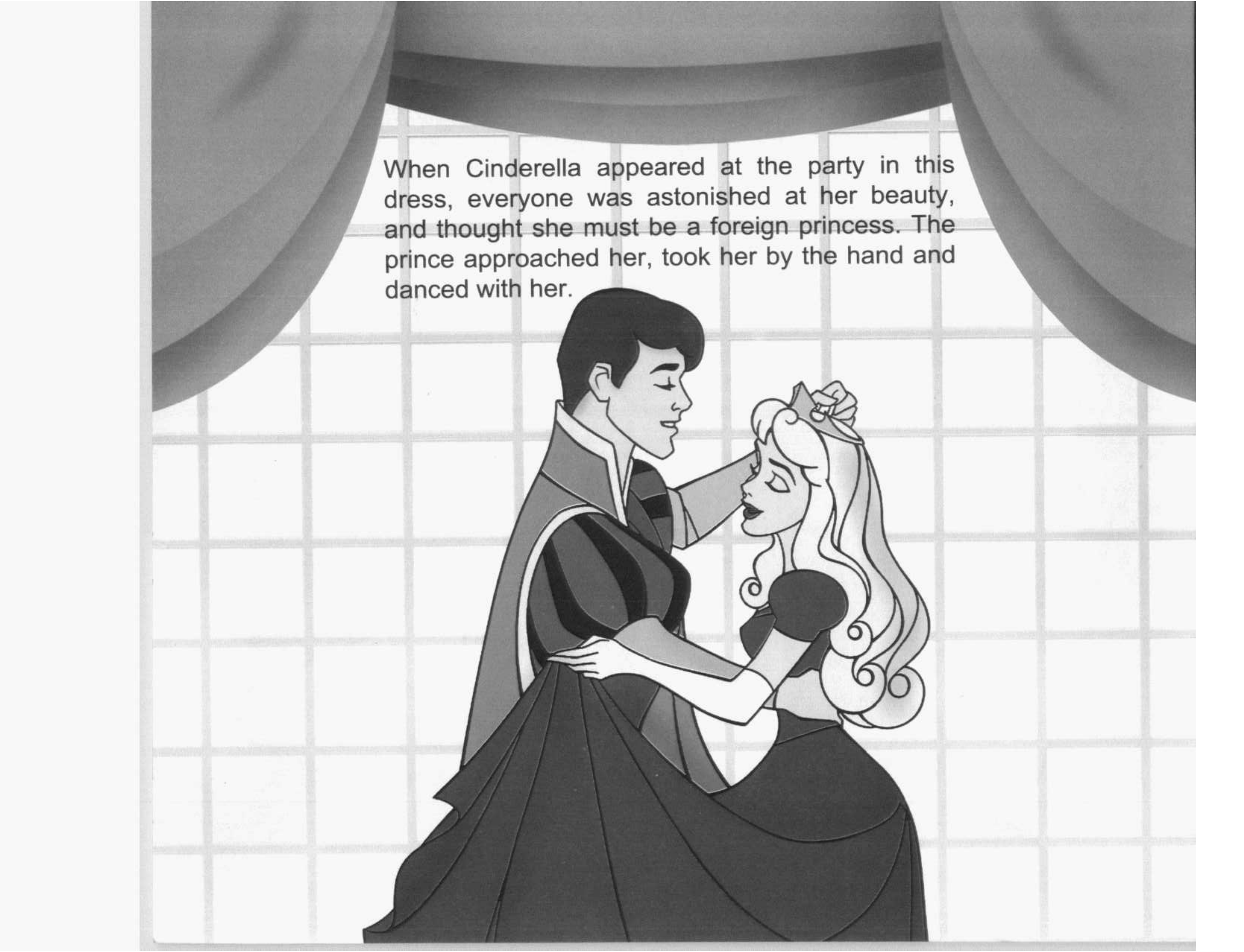


When the two step-sisters heard that they too were to appear among the number, they were delighted, called Cinderella and said, "Comb our hair for us, brush our shoes and fasten our buckles," Cinderella obeyed, but wept, because she too would have liked to go with them to the party, but her step-mother refused.



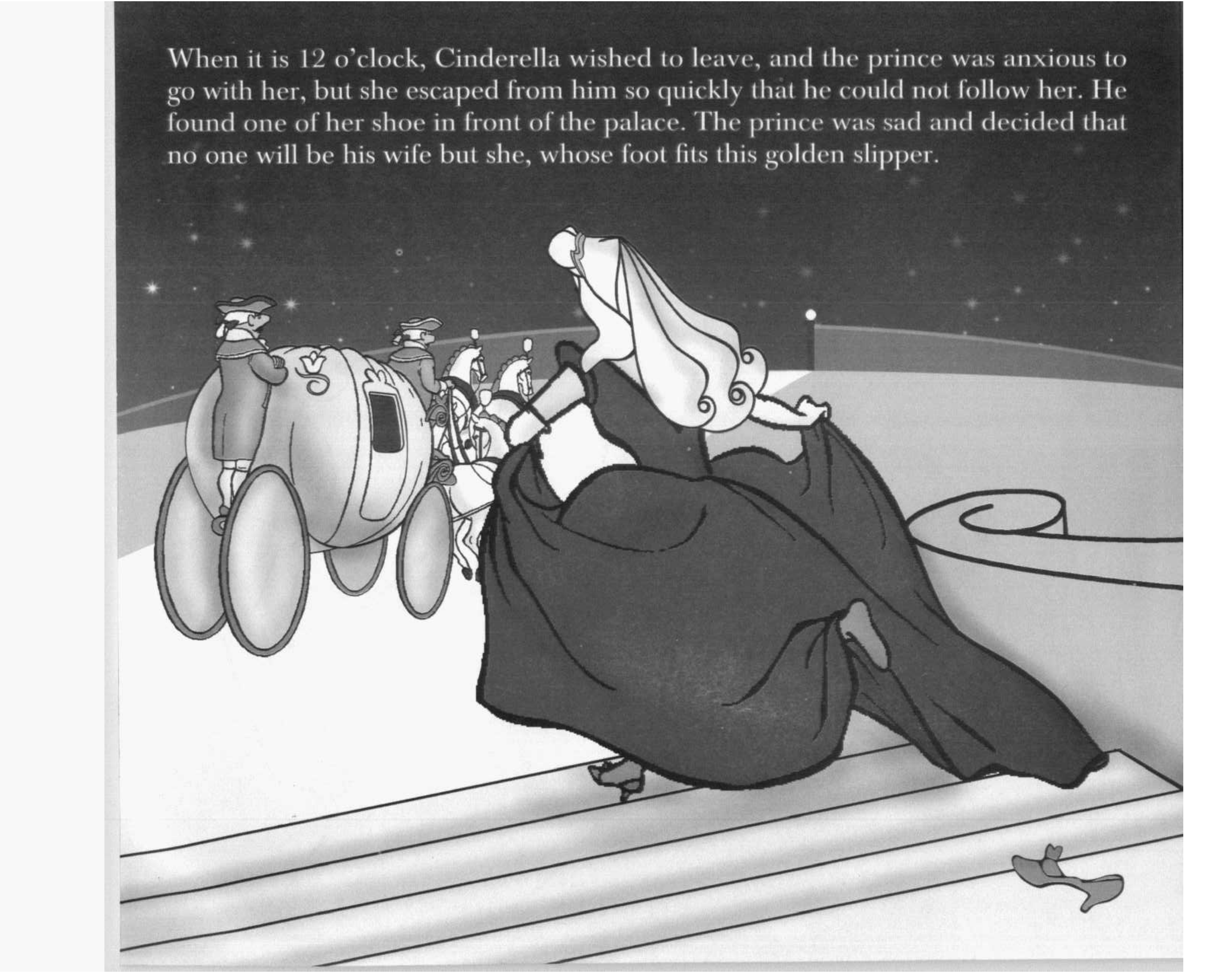
The two step-sisters and their mother went to the party. As no one was now at home, Cinderella cried and suddenly, a very strange woman appeared and asked her if she wanted to go to the party. Cinderella answered "Yes, but I can`t " .The strange woman told her that. She would get her whatever she wants.

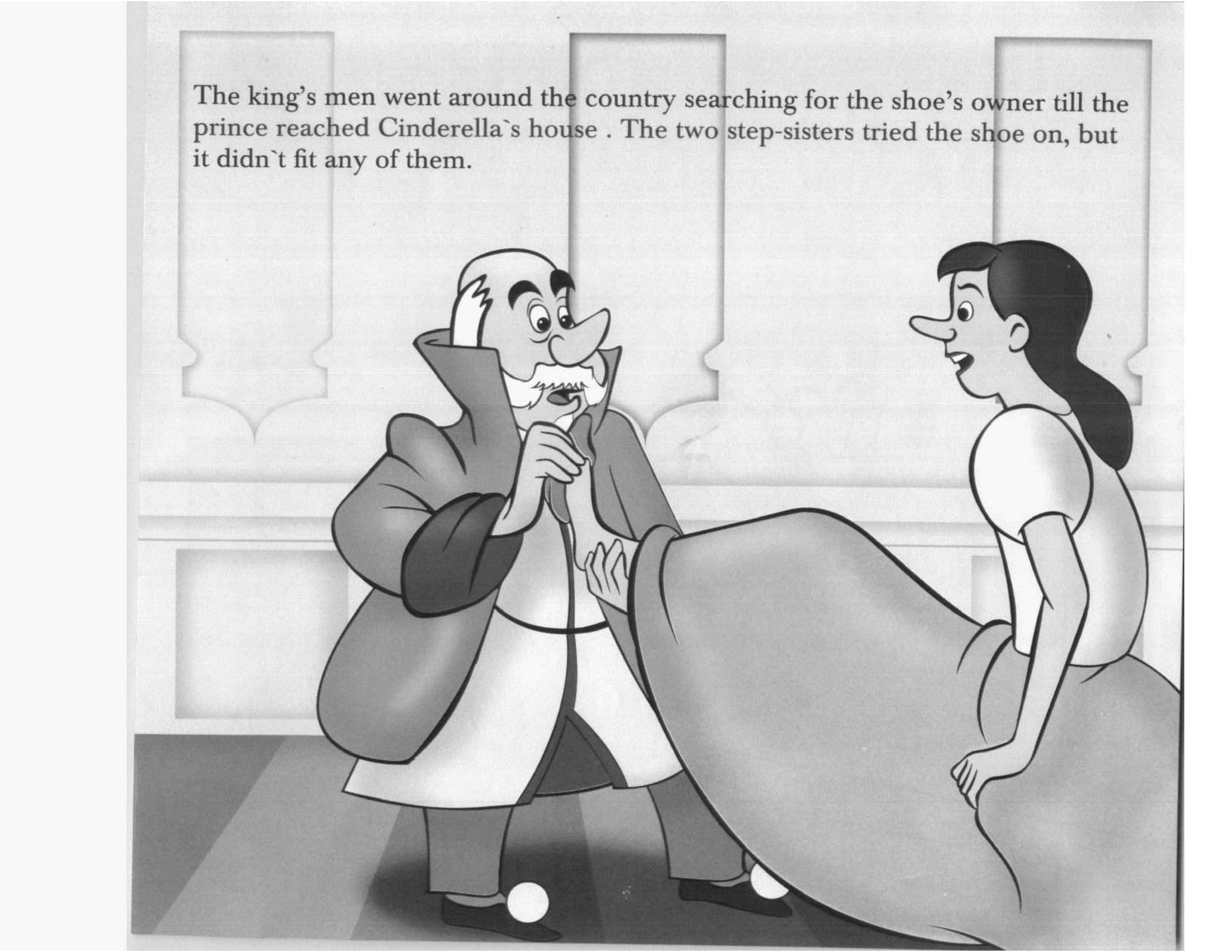
Then the strange woman gave Cinderella a gold and silver dress, and slippers embroidered with silk and silver and asked her to go to the party but to return before 12 o`clock . Cinderella put on the dress with all speed, and went to the party in an amazing carriage.

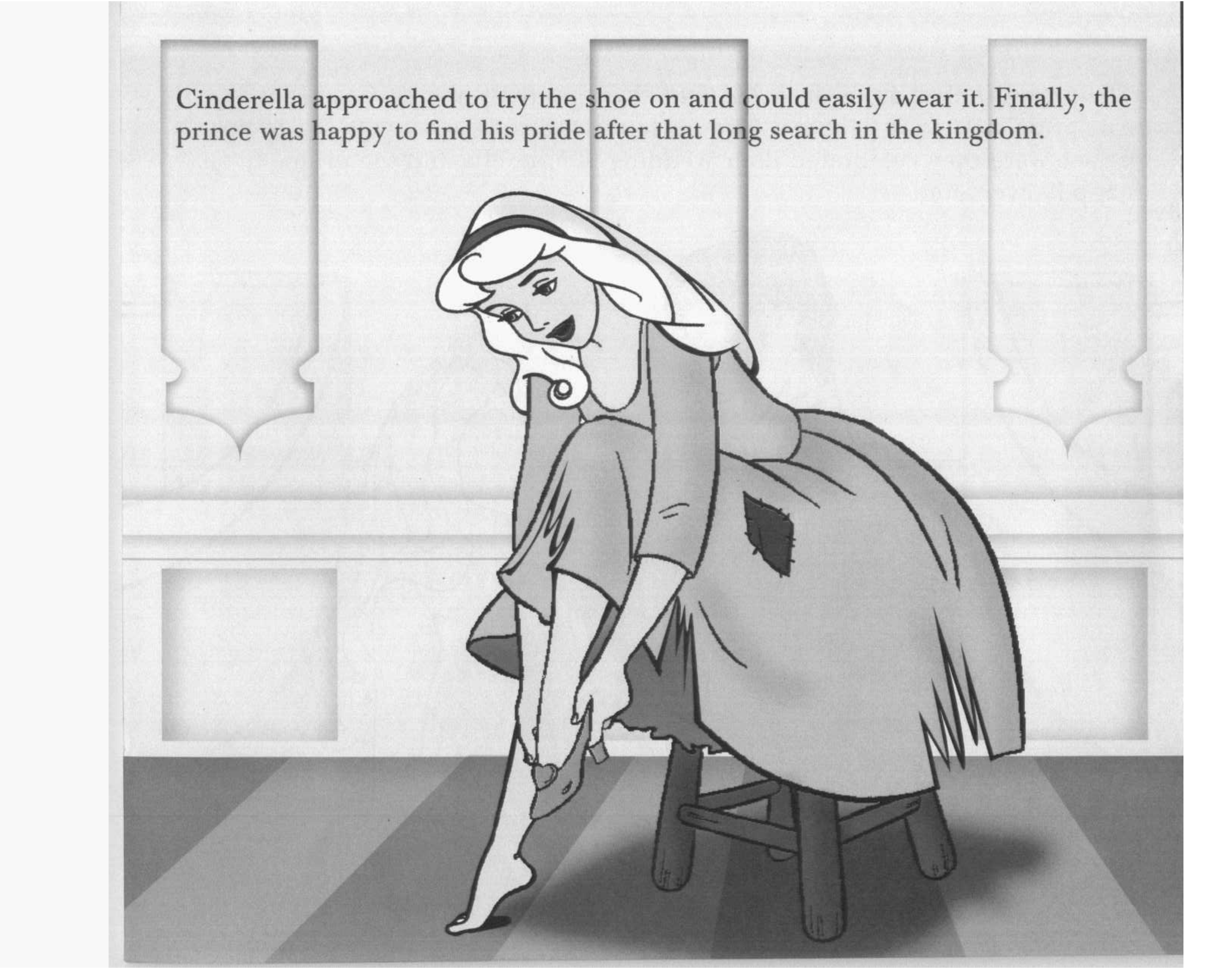


When Cinderella appeared at the party in this dress, everyone was astonished at her beauty, and thought she must be a foreign princess. The prince approached her, took her by the hand and danced with her.

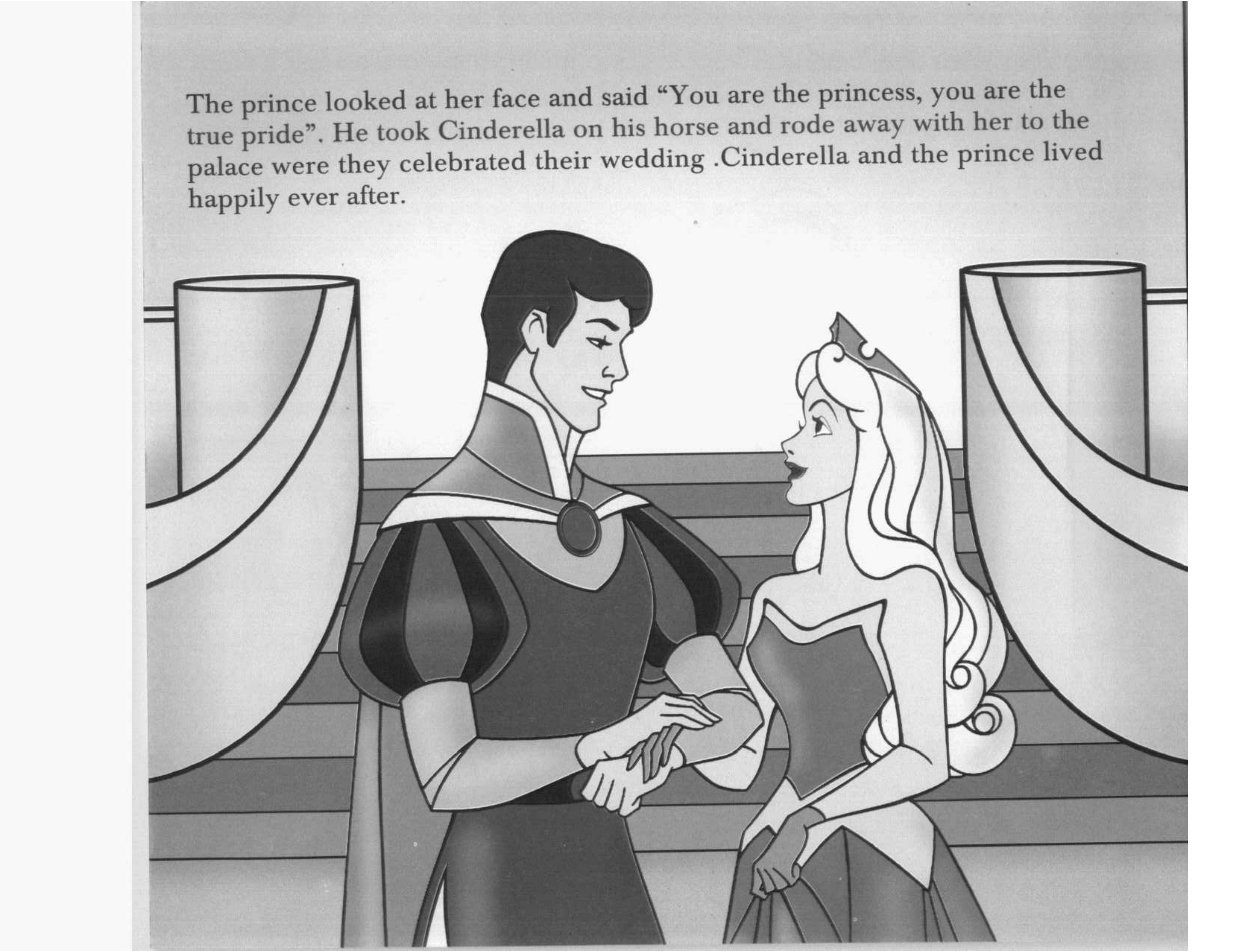
When it is 12 o'clock, Cinderella wished to leave, and the prince was anxious to go with her, but she escaped from him so quickly that he could not follow her. He found one of her shoe in front of the palace. The prince was sad and decided that no one will be his wife but she, whose foot fits this golden slipper.




The king's men went around the country searching for the shoe's owner till the prince reached Cinderella`s house . The two step-sisters tried the shoe on, but it didn`t fit any of them.



Cinderella approached to try the shoe on and could easily wear it. Finally, the prince was happy to find his pride after that long search in the kingdom.



The prince looked at her face and said “You are the princess, you are the true pride”. He took Cinderella on his horse and rode away with her to the palace were they celebrated their wedding .Cinderella and the prince lived happily ever after.